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Principal's Message

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Dear Parents,

We stand on the threshold of a new year. I have never been one to make new year's resolutions, but I have always enjoyed the dawning of a new year. It represents many things to many people. Some worry about all of the tasks that were left undone in the previous year, some fret over growing another year older and some just dread the January cold. Too often we forget what a blessing a new year really is. We get so focused on the cracks in our lives that we forget about the blessings that have been gifted to us by our Father.

Ellen Goodman once said, "We spend January 1st walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives... not looking for flaws, but for potential." That simple quote epitomizes what it is to teach children. As educators we know the importance of looking for the potential in each child who has been entrusted to us. We know that we will not help children achieve great things if we focus on their flaws.

I can personally assure all of our families that in this New Year, we will continue to look for the potential in every child within our building so that we can help each of them achieve great things with the gifts that God has given them.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish all of our families a wonderful New Year.

Mr. D. Sweeney

Principal

LEARNING through academics **LIVING** in Christ **LEADING** by serving others **LOVING** with strength of character

Campus Crusade For Christ (Breakthrough Prayer Ministry)

We are a group of parents at Meadowlark Christian School who are members of Campus Crusade For Christ (Breakthrough Prayer Ministry), which is dedicated to encouraging and supporting schools through prayer. Anyone is welcome to join us for prayer Tuesday mornings at 9:00, upstairs in the staff room, to pray for the students and staff.

If you are interested in finding out more or have any prayer requests please give Carol Milner a call at 780-470-3659 or email at milners@airsurfer.ca

Library Shape Up

During the Christmas break, Mrs. Ethier and Mrs. Baart transformed our library. It looks terrific! Thank you for your time and effort.

Mrs. Ethier has a few more plans to implement before the library will reopen.

School Council Meeting

All parents are welcome to join us for the school council meeting on Monday, January 17th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the staff room.

Need To Leave a Message For Your Child?

Although we do our best to get messages to students or staff, please know that we do not interrupt classes. If you phone after 2:30 PM with a message for your child or a staff member, they **may not** receive your message by the end of the day. If at all possible, before your child leaves for school, make arrangements regarding ride schedules and/or appointments. Thank you for your cooperation.

“Choose Safety Over Convenience”

Anyone who has gone through a winter season at Meadowlark Christian School knows all too well how difficult it is to drop off and pick up students. Contrary to what people may believe, there is plenty of room to drop off students safely as long as drivers are courteous, take their time and follow some basic driving rules/laws.

Some important safety considerations to keep in mind:

- don't double park
- only park/stop in zones that are legally safe to park/stop in (i.e.- don't park in "Bus", "No Parking" or "Handicapped" zones)
- pull over to the curb to drop students off
- do not perform U-turns anywhere near the school
- Do not park or stop in the staff parking lot

It is very convenient to park in the front of the school to drop your child(ren) off, but please consider other, less congested and safer areas to drop them off. The east side (157 street) of the school is a good drop off zone. It is not as busy, there is a gate that children can enter the field and you are able to watch your child(ren) all the way to the playground. The north side (99 Avenue) of the building is also a good alternative to the front of the building.

Please keep in mind that bylaw officers make regular rounds of schools. When one visits our school, many tickets would be issued on a daily basis. Most of these tickets would be for parking in the areas that have been mentioned above.

2010 Income Tax Receipts

Just a reminder that the 2010 income tax receipts issued by MCS Foundation Ltd. will be mailed out by February 28, 2011.

To insure that there is no delay in receiving your receipt, if you have moved residences within the last 6 months please confirm your address with the school office. If you have any questions regarding tax receipts please contact Sandra Di Cesare at the school. (780) 483-6476 or Sandra.Dicesare@epsb.ca

Mission Team Meeting

There will be a meeting for all the Mission Team members and their parents on January 18th at 6:23pm. It will be a great chance to meet everyone who has committed to going on this trip plus it will give us an opportunity to take care of some very necessary details.

- Updates about all the parents and volunteers (so far) who will be going on the trip.
- Information about vaccines, passports etc.
- Discuss the Mexican Fiesta fundraiser
- Short presentation about what we will be doing in El Paso
- Sponsorship updates and information.
- Question and answer (hopefully) period
- Possibly meeting Dennis and Maureen Scraba (they run Amigo Mission Relief) depending on if they are back from Mexico

We look forward to seeing you Tuesday, January 18th.

Crusaders Volleyball

Each and every year we are so proud of our Crusader athletes! This year our girls and boys volleyball teams had fantastic, successful seasons. We want to thank each participating student for their hard work, team work, and great attitudes. A huge thanks also goes out to all the parents and fans who came out to support and cheer on our athletes. We look forward to next season!

<u>Boys 2010 Senior Volleyball</u>	<u>Girls 2010 Senior Volleyball</u>	<u>Junior 2010 Girls Volleyball</u>
1 - Lucas	1 – Madyson	Jendel
2 - Carter	3 – Ainsley	Emily
3. - Gabe	4 – Courtney	Mikayla
4 - Blake	5 – Afua	Shayna
5 - Kyle	6 – Josie	Kimi
7 - Ezequiel	7 – Hannah	Sarah
8 - Erik	8 – Katie	Lorenn
9 - David	9 – Lexi	Rachel
10 - Jacob	10 – Elise	Revestin
11 - Jerrid	12 – Ali	
12 - Caleb	14 – Rachel	
13 - Cole	15 – Lorenn	
14 - Nathan		
15 - Breyden		

Highlights: Boys Senior Volleyball

Premier Conference (Tier 3) Champions

2nd Place: Parkland Immanuel Tournament

Girls Senior Volleyball

4th place in city

Girls Junior Volleyball

1st Place: Victoria Last Chance Tournament



As parents and community members, you play an important role in supporting public education.

Edmonton Public Schools' Board of Trustees encourages you to participate in the board policy review process and attend board meetings to stay aware of matters affecting the school district.

To provide feedback on a policy under review, click on the "Give us your feedback" button at www.epsb.ca.
Public board meetings are held at the Centre for Education, One Kingsway on the following Tuesdays:

- December 14, 2010
- January 11, 2011
- January 25, 2011

Please note that the schedule of board meetings is subject to change. If you wish to confirm the date of a particular board meeting, contact the Board Office at 780-429-8021. Free underground parking is available.

Agendas for each board meeting and copies of reports are posted the Friday prior to each meeting at www.epsb.ca/board/agenda.shtml.



Board of Trustees (left to right): Cheryl Johner (Ward A), Ken Shipka (Ward B), Christopher Spencer (Ward C), Dave Colburn (Ward D), Heather MacKenzie (Ward E), Michael Janz (Ward F), Sarah Hoffman (Ward G), Catherine Ripley (Ward H) and Leslie Cleary (Ward I).

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TECHNOLOGY @ HOME



Practical Strategies for Helping Children Learn

Edmonton Public Schools' Partners in Education Program, in collaboration with Consulting Services, is pleased to present an evening with Professor Dave Edyburn from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Dr. Edyburn is an expert on the use of technology to enhance academic performance. This session, which has been specifically designed for parents and family members, will provide practical strategies and tools for using technology at home in ways that will help children learn. Please note the session is most applicable for parents of children in Grade 4 or higher. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us for an entertaining and engaging event.

Monday, January 31, 2011 from 7 to 9 p.m.

McCauley Chambers

Centre for Education, One Kingsway

(Blue building across from the Royal Alexandra Hospital)

Sign-in begins at 6:30 p.m. Session starts at 7 p.m. sharp!

There is FREE underground parking (front of building, down the ramp)

Attendance at this event is **FREE**, but space is limited so pre-registration is required.

To register online, visit tinyurl.com/Edyburn

or call Kim McEwan at 780.429.8040 to register by phone.

Visit our website at

www.epsb.ca/familiescommunity

for more information on how Edmonton Public Schools is working together with Families and Communities.

Note: Photographs may be taken at this event, which may be used on the District's website and in other publications.



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Electronic Version of the School Newsletter

If your family would like to receive an electronic version of the school newsletter rather than a paper copy please fill in this slip and return it to the school office.

Our family would like to have an electronic version of the monthly school newsletter rather than a paper copy.

Family Name _____

E-mail Addresses: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

January 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 Classes resume	4 Track & Field Practice	5 ELevate	6 Track & Field Practice	7 Elementary Chapel (11:05 – 11:40)	8
9	10 Gr. 5 & 9 Immunizations (p.m.)	11 Track & Field Practice	12 ELevate	13 Track & Field Practice	14	15
16	17 School Council at 7:00 p.m.	18 Track & Field Practice Mission Team meeting at 6:23 pm	19 Jr. High Skating (12:30-3:00)	20 Hot Lunch Day Pasta Day MCS Foundation AGM at 6:30 pm Track & Field Practice	21 Elementary Chapel (11:05 – 11:40)	22 Golden Bear Track Meet (4-9)
23 Golden Bear Track Meet (4-9)	24	25 Track & Field Practice	26 ELevate	27 Track & Field Practice	28 Harrier's Elementary Relays (Gr. 4-6)	29
30	31 PD Day SCHOOL CLOSED					

Important Dates to Mark on Your Calendars

January 31 - PD Day (no classes for students)

February 21 - Family Day (no classes for students)

February 28 - School Council meeting at 7:00 pm

March 2 - EPSB Night of Music - 7 pm at the Jubilee Auditorium

March 3 & 4 - GETCA Teacher's Convention (no school for students)

March 23 - Open House - 7-8 pm